

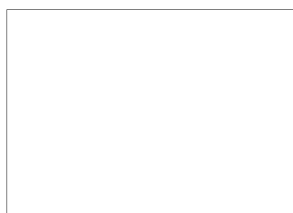
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ABSTRACT

1. This report describes construction activity at 12 military airfields in Pakistan from late 1971 through early 1972, and includes a location map and selected photographs.

INTRODUCTION

2. [redacted] revealed a substantial number of improvements at 12 of the 14 known military airfields in Pakistan (Figure 1). The improvements observed in this six month time frame (both prewar and postwar) consist of runway extensions, construction of parallel taxiways, support facilities, hangarettes, and revetted hardstands. The photography of these missions was good with cloud-free cover.

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BASIC DESCRIPTION

Peshawar Airfield [redacted]

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3. Six hangarettes were under construction (one in a late stage). Four net-covered aircraft revetments and at least 11 vehicle revetments had been built. Eight storage revetments were under construction in the storage area.

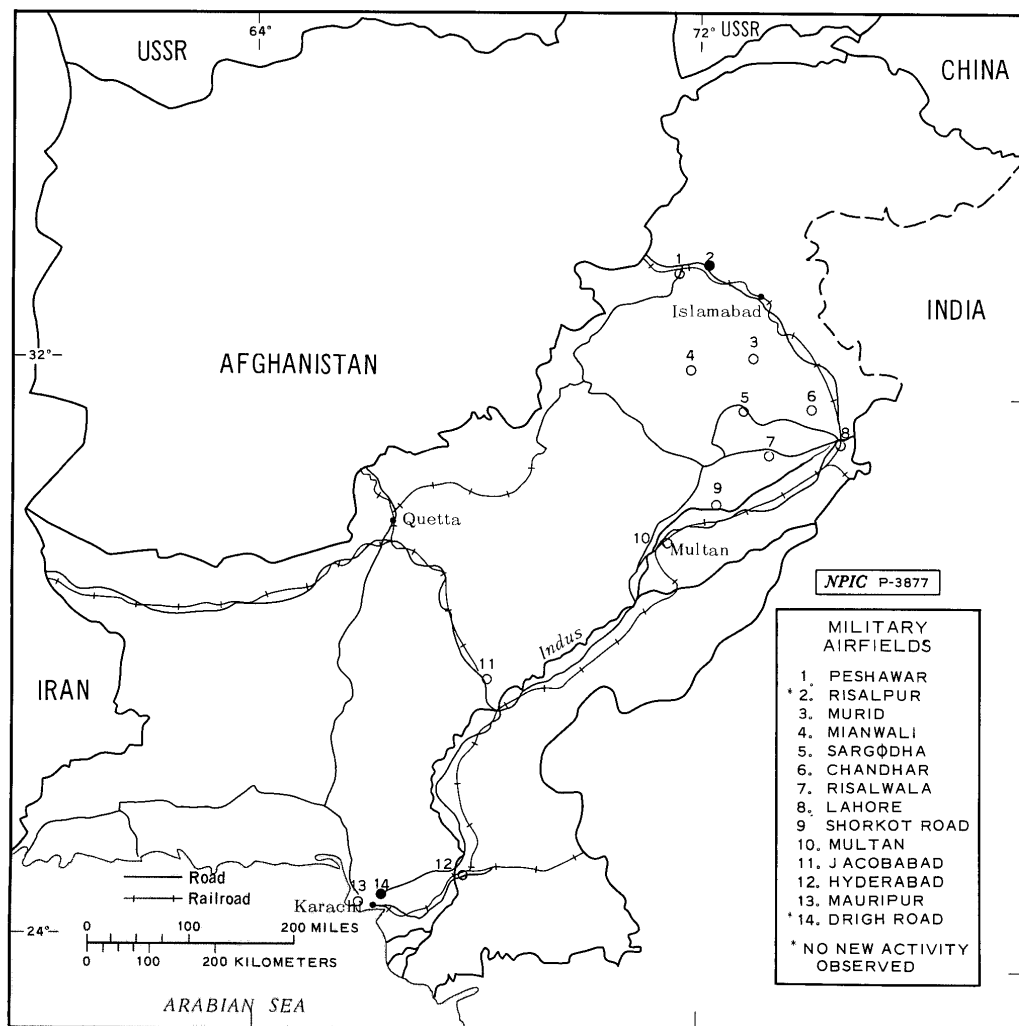


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP

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Murid Airfield [REDACTED]

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4. This airfield was being converted from a reserve airfield to a permanent air facility. A turnaround loop taxiway at the southeast end of the runway was in a late stage of construction, four hangarettes had been completed, two hangarettes were in late stages, and two were in early stages of construction. Four aircraft revetments had been constructed. Two POL storage areas were in late stages of construction. One area contained nine buried POL tanks, one pumphouse, and two support buildings. The other area contained seven buried POL tanks, one pumphouse, and three support buildings. A probable command and control center was in a late stage of construction and contained one probable underground bunker and three support buildings (Figure 2).

Mianwali Airfield [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] parallel taxiway was in an early stage of construction. Eight revetted hardstands had been built. Twenty-three hangarettes, five in mid-to-late stages and 18 in early stages of construction, were observed. Construction continued on the five other previously reported [REDACTED] hangarettes. Five drive-through revetted hardstands, one in a mid-to-late stage and four in early stages of construction, were observed. Eight vehicle revetments had also been built (Figure 3).

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Sargodha Airfield [REDACTED]

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6. Seven hangarettes have been completed. Four hangarettes were in late stages and nine were in early stages of construction.

Chandhar Airfield [REDACTED]

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7. A 122-meter (400-foot) overrun at the northeast end of the runway had been built. In addition, eight hangarettes in early stages and two alert hardstands in late stages of construction were observed.

Risalwala Airfield [REDACTED]

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8. A parallel taxiway was in an early-to-mid stage of construction. Twelve hangarettes were under construction, one in a late stage and 11 in early stages. Construction continued on five previously reported [REDACTED] additional hangarettes (Figure 4).

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Lahore Airfield [REDACTED]

9. The runway was being resurfaced with asphalt, and the overrun at the north end was being replaced and lengthened.

Shorkot Road Airfield [REDACTED]

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10. Construction was observed on support facilities and 15 hangarettes (Figure 5). This airfield was being converted from a reserve airfield to a permanent air facility.

Multan Airfield [REDACTED]

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11. This airfield was being converted from a liaison field to a permanent air facility. A 1,284-meter (4,215-foot) runway extension, a 275-meter (899-foot) overrun at the north end of the runway, and ten revetted hardstands had been built. Six additional revetted hardstands and four hangarettes were under construction (Figure 6).

Jacobabad Airfield [REDACTED]

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12. A turnaround loop taxiway at the southeast end of the main runway, two revetted hardstands, and two aircraft revetments had been built.

Hyderabad Airfield New [REDACTED]

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13. Four aircraft revetments had been built.

Mauripur Airfield [REDACTED]

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14. A taxiway connecting the BEAGLE/B-57 aircraft parking facilities and the main runway was observed under construction. Two net-covered revetted hardstands had been built and two aircraft revetments were under construction.

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